Study Report by Roland Berger

1508. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Study Report conducted by Roland Berger, an international textile consulting organisation which *inter-alia* says that India may become dumping ground for textiles;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the study report; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A Study by Roland Berger titled "Building competitiveness to survive and thrive" has been commissioned by the Confederation of Indian. The study *inter-alia* observes that with reducing tariff barriers, India is bound to see an increase in imports.

(b) The study has made various suggestions for policy framework, which include the following:—

(i) To give a direction to the Industry by creating a garment focus, encourage foreign investment and promote exports.

(ii) To give focus on the development of the domestic industry structure and market with the aim to revise industry structure, redefine fibre policy and develop human resource skill and

(iii) The policy should aim at three key areas for making Indian companies globally competitive — by upgrading technology, internationalising Indian companies and activating bilateral and multi-lateral trading opportunities.

(c) Sufficient provisions are available in various WTO agreements like Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of GATT 1994, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures,

Agreement on Safeguards etc. to meet such contingencies of possible injury of the industry as contended.

Proposals for Handloom and Craft Development Centre from Assam

1509. Dr. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the list of proposals received from Assam concerning Handloom Development Centre, market development, thrift fund, health package quality dying scheme for implementation during the Ninth Plan indicating sanctioned amount, amount utilised and achievement made so far, and;

(b) the proposal received from Assam for Craft Development Centre, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, market development support, Design and Technical Development and Trading Scheme, amount already sanctioned against each of the proposals and location-wise achievement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Scheme-wise details of funds released during Ninth Plan to State Government of Assam indicating utilisation certificate are given as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount Released during 9th Plan from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (till date)	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1.	Handloom Dev. Centre and Quality Dying Unit	—	No proposal received